



White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Young Leaders Dialogue Toolkit **Education**

Introduction

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) works to improve the quality of life and opportunities for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) by facilitating increased access to and participation in federal programs where they remain underserved. AAPIs are now the fastest growing racial group in the U.S. and are expected to increase over four times as rapidly as the total U.S. population and to double to more than 47 million by 2060. Recognizing this tremendous growth and the unique needs within AAPI communities, President Obama reestablished WHIAAPI through Executive Order 13515 in October 2009.

Engaging a New Generation of Leaders

Through its work with young leaders, WHIAAPI seeks to highlight both the tremendous unmet needs in the AAPI community as well as the dynamic community assets that can be leveraged to meet many of those needs. WHIAAPI engages a new generation of young leaders through annual youth forums and briefings. In addition:

- In 2013, WHIAAPI launched the **Healthy Engaged Youth Program**, encouraging young leaders to conduct outreach around the Affordable Care Act and new options for health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.
- In 2014, WHIAAPI established its **E3! Ambassadors Program**¹, enlisting students and young professionals to educate, engage, and empower their campuses and communities on key issues like education, mental health, pathways to public service, and immigration. E3! Ambassadors led more than 130 projects and events to demystify the federal government and connect their communities to federal resources and programs. As part of the program, WHIAAPI released a series of **Young Leaders Dialogue Google+ Hangouts** and **Young Leaders Dialogue Video Playlists** which can be found at www.youtube.com/WhiteHouseAAPI.

Young Leaders Dialogue Toolkits

This *Young Leaders Dialogue Toolkit* is one in four issue toolkits designed to serve as a guide to federal agency resources around issues like education, mental health, public service, and immigration. We hope the data, resources, and videos included help to create and sustain ongoing dialogues in campuses and communities around issues affecting the AAPI community

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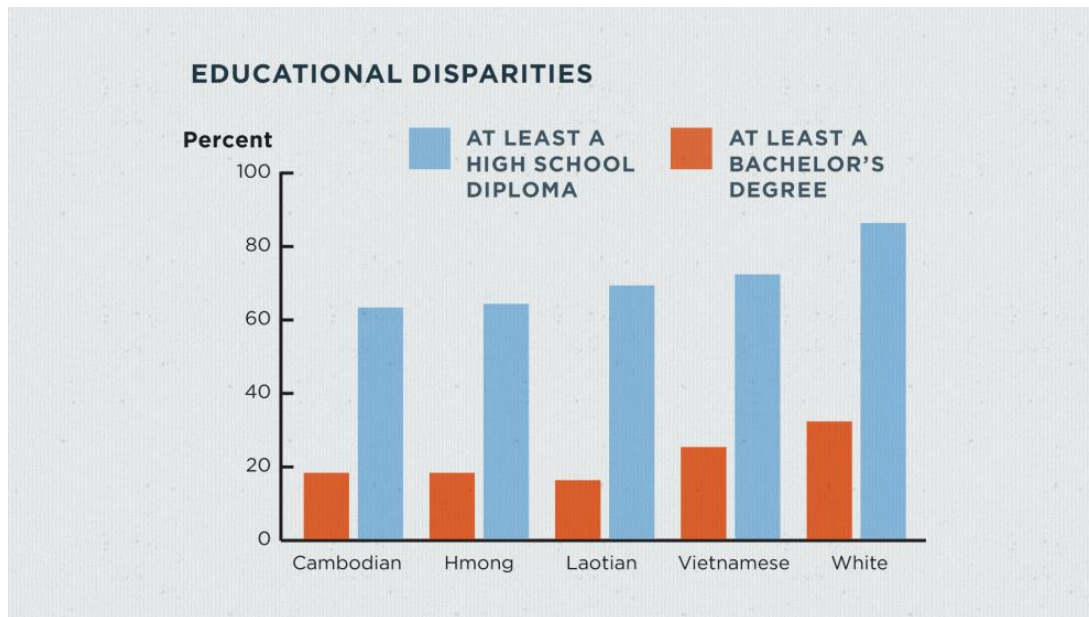


www.whitehouse.gov/aapi | www.ed.gov/aapi

¹ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.ed.gov/aapi/e3/>

The Issue: Education

While many continue to view AAPIs as “model minorities” who have achieved educational and economic success, in reality, AAPI communities are much more disparate and complex in terms of educational attainment. Only [14.4%](#)² of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders 25 years of age and older have a bachelor’s degree or higher.



Educational Disparities Among Southeast Asian Ethnic Groups

In addition, AAPI students often face many challenges, especially recent immigrants who must learn English as a second language. Many AAPIs are first-generation college students and have trouble navigating their way through the college experience. Some also struggle with the high costs of tuition, lack of information about scholarships and financial aid, and lack of career guidance on their campuses.

Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs) play a critical role in our system of higher education, in our communities, and in securing our nation’s economic growth. Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) provide a gateway into underserved communities, and AANAPISIs reach low-income AAPI students in ways that matter more – retention, graduation, language access, and mentoring. Two-thirds of AAPI undergraduate enrollment is concentrated in 200 institutions, and AANAPISIs are invested in educating the fastest growing communities through culturally sensitive and relevant curricula, environments that encourage students to develop a sense of identity and self-worth, and by investing in students with need.

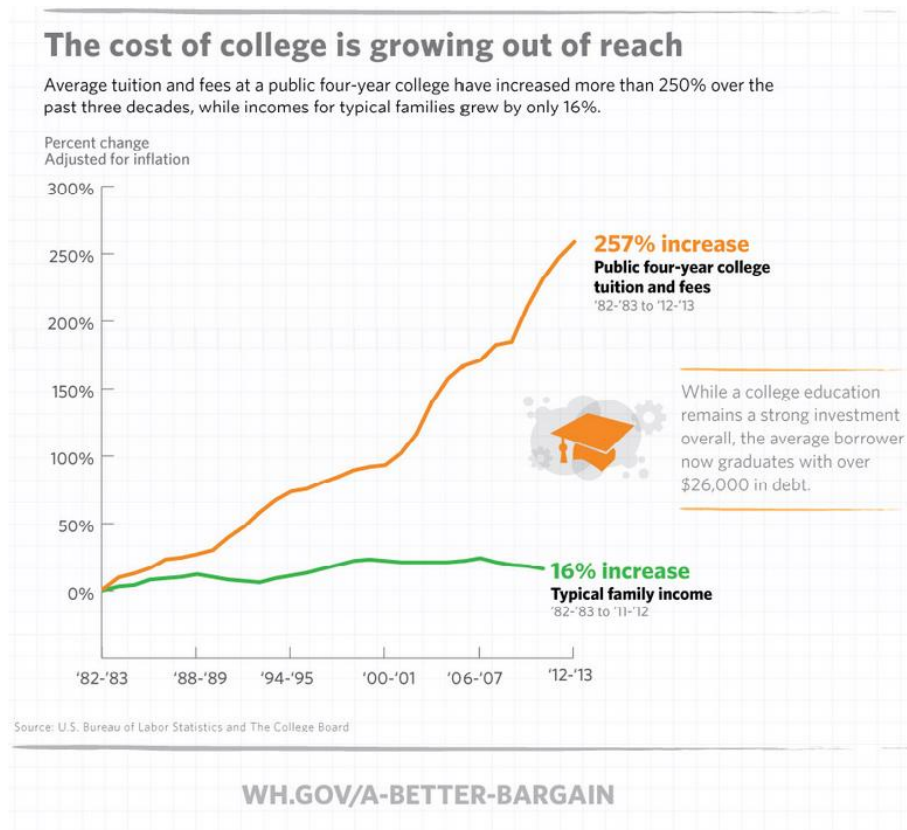
Lastly, AAPIs – especially Muslim, Sikh, or LGBT youth – are often the subject of bullying within the classroom. According to the [Department of Education's Student Bullying Report](#)³, 9.2% of AAPI students ages 12 through 18 reported being bullied at school. School violence in the form of bullying and harassment can leave youth with feelings of hopelessness, affect academic performance, disrupt family life, and stunt emotional growth. Bullying in the AAPI community presents unique circumstances complicated by linguistic, cultural, and religious issues. [Take the pledge today to #ActToChange](#)⁴.

² Census: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2012pubs/acsbr10-19.pdf>

³ Department of Education: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2015/2015056.pdf>

⁴ ActToChange.org: <https://acttochange.org/#about>

College Affordability Materials



Infographic on College Affordability, White House

"By 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world." – President Barack Obama

What is being done to make college more affordable?

- President Barack Obama is committed to making college affordable and accessible. Read about the Department of Education's initiatives to promote [college affordability and completion](#)⁵ and ensuring a pathway to opportunity.
- Factsheet: [Making Student Loans More Affordable](#)⁶

What are some options for student loans, repayment, and loan forgiveness?

- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#)⁷
- An introduction to [income based repayment](#)⁸ on student loans
- Guide to repaying [federal student loans](#)⁹ and [making student loan payments based on your income](#)¹⁰
- Loan forgiveness programs include:
 - [Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program](#)¹¹
 - [Stafford Loan Forgiveness Program for Teachers](#)¹²

⁵ Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/college>

⁶ White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/06/09/factsheet-making-student-loans-more-affordable>

⁷ Department of Education: <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

⁸ White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/06/07/income-based-repayment-everything-you-need-know>

⁹ Department of Education: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans>

¹⁰ Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/blog/2014/05/income-driven-repayment/>

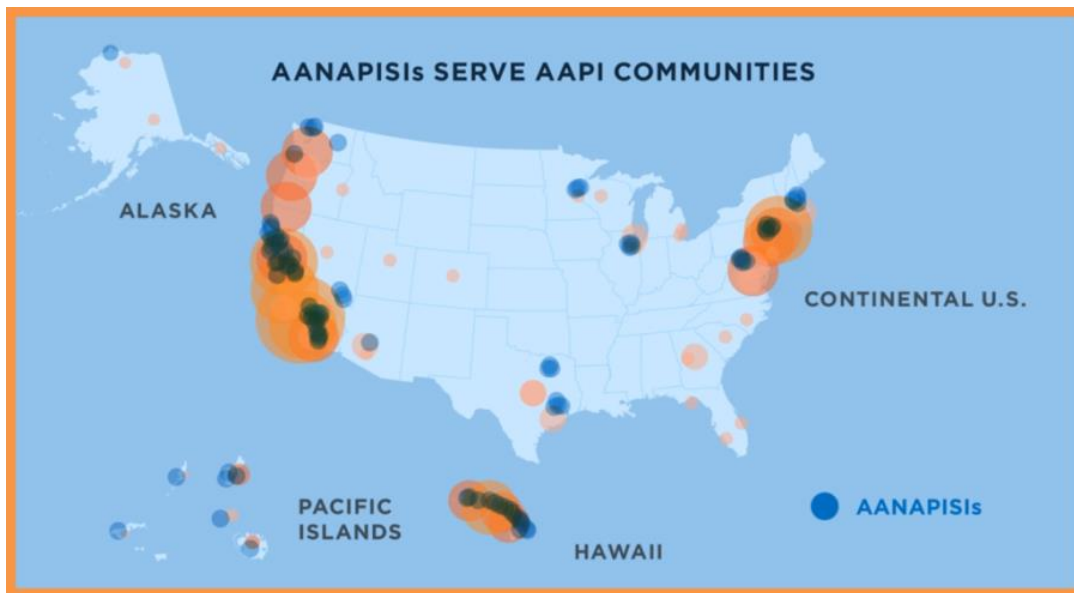
¹¹ Department of Education: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

¹² Department of Education: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher>

What planning tools are available?

- [College Scorecard](#)¹³
- [College Affordability and Transparency Center](#)¹⁴
- [College Cost Shopping Sheet](#)¹⁵

Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions Materials



2014 Map of AANAPISIs

What are Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)?

- Learn more about [AANAPISIs](#)¹⁶
- Video: [Be Part of the #AANAPISistory](#)¹⁷

How does a school get AANAPISI designation?

- Description and guidelines for the [AANAPISI Program](#)¹⁸
- [List of AANAPISI Eligible Institutions for FY2016](#)¹⁹
- [Guide to Designation as an Eligible Institution](#)²⁰
- [Eligibility Requirements](#)²¹

¹³ Department of Education: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

¹⁴ Department of Education: <http://collegecost.ed.gov/catc/>

¹⁵ Department of Education: http://collegecost.ed.gov/shopping_sheet.pdf

¹⁶ WHIAAPI: <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/asian-american-and-native-american-pacific-islander-serving-institution-aanapisi/>

¹⁷ WHIAAPI: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNcOn7Yb4ZQ>

¹⁸ Department of Education: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/aanapi/index.html>

¹⁹ Department of Education: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/aanapi/aanapi-eligibles-2016.pdf>

²⁰ Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/files/2014/04/eligwebinarslides2014.pdf>

²¹ Department of Education: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/aanapi/eligibility.html>

Bullying Prevention Materials

What is bullying?

- Read about bullying, risk factors, warning signs, and prevention at: www.stopbullying.gov.
- Factsheet: [Understanding Bullying](#)²²
- Factsheet: [Electronic Aggression: Technology and Youth Violence](#)²³

How does bullying affect the AAPI community?

- The AAPI Bullying Prevention Task Force was formed in November 2014 as part of the Administration's commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act and in response to reports from AAPI organizations about the prevalence and severity of bullying of AAPI students. Read the [AAPI Bullying Prevention Task Force Report](#)²⁴.
- [Bullying/Harassment Issues in the AAPI Community](#)²⁵
- Information on [student reports of bullying and cyber-bullying](#)²⁶

How can we respond to and prevent bullying?

- [Talk about bullying](#)²⁷
- [Be more than a bystander](#)²⁸
- [Be a mentor](#)²⁹
- [Get help now](#)³⁰
- Promote public awareness about bullying prevention and [take the pledge to #ActToChange](#)³¹
- If someone is feeling hopeless, helpless, or thinking of suicide, the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)³² is available 24/7 at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Who can I report bullying to if schools are not adequately addressing it?

- Complaints regarding a school's failure to respond to bullying or harassment based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability can be filed with the Department of Education's [Office for Civil Rights](#)³³ or Department of Justice's [Educational Opportunities Section](#)³⁴. The Department of Justice also evaluates complaints based on a school's failure to respond to bullying or harassment based on religion.
- More information about a school's obligation to respond to bullying and harassment can be found at:
 - [ED Fact Sheet on Harassment](#)³⁵
 - [Bullying Dear Colleague Letter](#)³⁶
 - [ED Bullying of Students with Disabilities Dear Colleague Letter](#)³⁷
 - [DOJ Harassment Fact Sheet](#)³⁸

²² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/bullying_factsheet.pdf

²³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/electronicaggression/index.html#1>

²⁴ WHIAAPI: <http://sites.ed.gov/aapi/files/2015/02/AAPI-Bullying-Prevention-Task-Force-Report-2014-2016.pdf>

²⁵ WHIAAPI: <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/files/2014/04/School-Administrator-Webinar-FINAL.pdf>

²⁶ Department of Education: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2015/2015056.pdf>

²⁷ StopBullying.gov: <http://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/talking-about-it/index.html>

²⁸ StopBullying.gov: <http://www.stopbullying.gov/respond/be-more-than-a-bystander/index.html>

²⁹ StopBullying.gov: http://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/training-center/hrsa_guide_youth_professionals_mentors_508v2.pdf

³⁰ StopBullying.gov: <http://www.stopbullying.gov/get-help-now/index.html>

³¹ ActToChange: <https://acttochange.org/>

³² Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

³³ Department of Education: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

³⁴ Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov/crt/complaint/#three>

³⁵ Department of Education: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-201010.pdf>

³⁶ Department of Education: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201405.pdf>

³⁷ Department of Education: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-bullying-201410.pdf>

³⁸ Department of Justice: http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/opa/press-releases/attachments/2014/11/18/eos_fact_sheet_aapi_massa.pdf

Other resources:

- Video: [NY Regional Interagency Working Group Anti-Bullying Google Hangout](#)³⁹
- Flyer on [Student Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together](#)⁴⁰
- [Know Bullying](#)⁴¹ App

Check out our E3! Ambassadors Young Leaders Dialogues:

- [2014 Young Leaders Dialogue on Education Google Hangout](#)⁴²
- [2015 Young Leaders Dialogue on Education Video Playlist](#)⁴³

Outreach Ideas

What now? Use these resources to educate, engage, and empower your campuses and communities around college affordability, AANAPISIs, and bullying prevention resources and to create greater dialogue on why these topics are important to the AAPI community.

- Work with student organizations, financial aid offices, and community centers to raise awareness of college affordability resources and how to navigate the world of federal student aid, loan repayment, and loan forgiveness programs.
- Lead workshops with local elementary, middle, and high school students, parents, educators, and school administrators on bullying awareness and prevention.
- Check if your school has AANAPISI eligibility and if so, ask your school administrators to apply for the designation during Winter 2016.
- Include resources and information on these topics on student organization websites.
- Create a PSA on YouTube to spread awareness and share your personal stories about attending an AANAPISI, applying for federal student aid, or your experience with bullying.
- Get creative... the possibilities are endless!

³⁹ WHIAAPI: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szID04HZT9Q>

⁴⁰ Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crs/legacy/2012/12/17/spirit.pdf>

⁴¹ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: <http://store.samhsa.gov/apps/knowbullying/index.html>

⁴² WHIAAPI: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c60Offdeq-E>

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